



# Panther Press

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The Panther Press sends out a quarterly newsletter that gets you up to date on anything Kanwa tho related! Stay tuned in for updates from the Panther Press to make sure you are in the loop!

### Reminder:

Sign up for LLD today! Participate in amazing trainings and get a hand in planning the 2025-2026 lodge year!

## Cheifly Minute

Hello Everyone my name is Kadyn Barsch and I am honored to serve as you 2025-2026 Lodge Chief! I have been a part of the OA since 2019 and have made many memories throughout the past 6 years! Some of my favorite memories were attending the 2022 and 2024 NOAC! In the upcoming year I want to work on strengthening our lodge and its chapters, on top of this I would also like to get to know as many arrowmen as possible! Outside of the OA I am an eagle scout from Troop 222 and currently Crew President for Crew 595. Alongside scouting activities such as camping and hiking I also love watching movies and playing video games. So if you ever see me at an event feel free to come up and ask me questions about any of those! I am looking forward to an amazing year with each and every one of you!

## Spring Conclave Pictures!

Did you miss Spring Conclave and want to see everything that went on? Click the link below to see photos from Spring Conclave this past weekend!

[2025 Spring Conclave Photos](#)



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# New Officer Highlights

Congratulations to our incoming lodge officers for the 2025-2026 year! In the coming weeks, you will start to hear communication from the officers and their plan for the lodge year, which started June 15<sup>th</sup>!

We look forward to seeing you take the lodge to new heights.

## **Lodge officers from left to right:**

**Navtej S. - Lodge Secretary**

**Jaydon W. - Vice Chief of Operations**

**Kadyn Barsch - Lodge Chief**

**Josh S. - Vice Chief of Inductions**

**Conor C. - Lodge Treasurer**



# Chapter Meetings:

Want to get more involved in the OA? The easiest way is to start going to chapter meetings! You'll meet members from other units in your district, learn about local service opportunities, and have a lot of fun! Going to your local chapter meetings is a great way to get more involved in the lodge! Join us at your chapter's next meeting:

Eluwak Chapter (Aurora District)

Tehink Sipu Chapter (Southern Shores District)

Wikiak Sabbeleu Chapter (Red Arrow District)

St. Rita's Church in West Allis – 6:30 p.m.

Greendale Middle School - 6:30 p.m

Somers Fire Station No. 1 – 7:00 p.m.

August 4th, 2025

August 20th, 2025

August 14th, 2025

September 1st, 2025

September 17th, 2025

September 11th, 2025

October 6th, 2025

October 15th, 2025

October 9th, 2025

November 3rd, 2025

November 19th, 2025

November 13th, 2025



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# Fall Events!

While summer might be quickly ending, fall will be here before you know it and there's plenty of events taking place to take note of. More information about the events will be released in the coming weeks, but be sure to save the dates so you don't miss out on service opportunities and fellowship activities! Registration for our LLD and Fall Fellowship can be located on our website at [www.Kanwatho.org](http://www.Kanwatho.org).

Lodge Leadership Development: August 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

Fall Fellowship: September 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>



# New Chairmen Introduction!

Hi, I'm Logan and I am the Ordeal Chair. At Spring Conclave, we had 39 new Ordeal members! Welcome and Congratulations to all new Arrowmen. At Conclave, we had lots of fun and completed many service projects around camp. We did lots of projects, including work on our new ceremonies site! New Arrowmen also participated in Arrow Fair where they learned about new opportunities in the lodge. Finally a special thanks to all Elangomats who made it a great experience for everyone.



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# Brotherhood Weekend!

Have you ever watched one of our ceremonies and wondered why Allowat Sakima said your journey is just beginning or why did the ceremonialists speak their name and their principles name?

We will have the answers and more at the Brotherhood Weekend on November 7th -9<sup>th</sup> !! Join us at Camp Wadewitz for fellowship and fun! Registration for this event will open soon, as well registration will fully be closed at 6:00 p.m. on November 6, 2025. We have an option for Brotherhood Candidates to only come out on Saturday afternoon to seal their membership.

## Fun Fact:

Kanwa tho Lodge has been around since 2013 when Mikano Lodge and Miscoutens Lodge merged and made Kanwa tho!

# Spring Conclave 2025!

This year's Conclave theme was.. the Wild West! There were tons of fun games, and activities; here are just a few things that happened at Conclave! Glow in the Dark Capture the Flag, Nalgene Branding, A DUNK TANK, Lasso making, and for Dinner a Pig Roast! Kanwa tho Lodge also had the pleasure of having one of the four national officers come to our event. Haley Flores, the Gateway Region Chief joined us all the way from Kansas City to see who truly is the best in the midwest!

Please refer to the top page of our Newsletter to for a link to all of our photos taken at conclave!



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# Leadership: A Choice, Not a Title

## By Tyler Gerds, Communications Adviser

In Scouting—and especially within the Order of the Arrow—we often speak of leadership. We hold elections, wear titles, and refer to youth and adult leaders by their positions. But true leadership, as lived in the spirit of cheerful service, goes far deeper than a patch or a name on a roster.

Leadership is a choice, and an action—not a position or job title.

This belief echoes a fundamental truth: anyone, regardless of age, rank, or experience, can lead. Leadership is not granted by a sash or earned solely by tenure. It is something we each choose when we decide to serve others, take initiative, or stand up for what is right.

Philosophers like Aristotle would tell us that character is revealed through consistent action. A Scout who quietly takes responsibility, who sees a need and fills it, who leads by example—not for recognition but for the good of others—is already a leader in the truest sense. This kind of leadership is lived, not claimed.

In many ways, it aligns perfectly with the OA's call to service. Our ceremonies remind us that true leadership is not about command, but about commitment—about seeking the welfare of others before oneself. It is the kind of leadership that doesn't wait for permission or applause, but simply steps forward when something needs to be done.

In a world that often mistakes titles for influence and authority for integrity, the Order of the Arrow calls us back to something deeper. To lead is to serve. To serve is to act. And to act is always a choice.

So whether or not you hold an official role in the lodge, remember: you have the power to lead—today, right now. The lodge, and the world, need more leaders who live that choice.





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# State Fair Parking:

Kanwa tho Lodge is looking for units that can volunteer for the State Fair Parking Service Project. This fundraiser runs nights and weekends during the State Fair (July 31-August 10). Funds will be raised by parking cars in the council office lot. The proceeds benefit Three Harbors Council, Kanwa tho Lodge and Camperships for scouts in our Council.

Please speak with your fellow scouts and leaders, organize and take a time slot! Slots are 5:00-9:00 PM on weeknights or several shifts are available on Saturday and Sunday between 9:00AM and 9:00 PM.

Please use this QR code to sign up your group or contact [rich.rognsvoog@kanwatho.org](mailto:rich.rognsvoog@kanwatho.org), or (414) 378-1912 for more information.

# Trading Post Updates:

The newest item in the lodge trading post are the flannel pants. The pants are 100% flannel in a red and black buffalo plaid with the lodge seal embroidered on the left front hip. We received them just days before spring fellowship, but they are now available for purchase on the online trading post at: <https://kanwatho.square.site/>.

Pricing is \$40.00 per pair, with shipping and handling fees required on top of the order, unless purchased in person at a lodge event. To make room for this and other requested items we have started discontinuing other clothing items, which are on a first-come, first-served basis. Once sold out we will not be reordering sizes or items. Please check out the online trading post sale page.



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